# CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1    1.    A method for a secure supply chain management framework, comprising:

2    a)    registering a plurality of users including suppliers, distributors, and stores of a

3          supply chain utilizing a network;

4    b)    maintaining the registered users on a list; *Col. 11*

5    c)    collecting data from a plurality of stores of the supply chain utilizing the network;

6    (d)   updating the list to add, edit, and delete the users utilizing the network;

7    e)    receiving a request for access to the data utilizing the network, the request

8          including an identifier;

9    f)    comparing the identifier against the list; and

10   g)    displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data upon the

11         successful comparison of the identifier against the list.

1    2.    The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier includes a password.

*well known*

1    3.    The method of claim 1, wherein the data is encrypted.

1    4.    The method of claim 1, wherein the list is updated upon receipt of a notice from at

2          least one of the stores.

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1    5.    The method of claim 1, wherein only certain data is displayed based on the user

2          being one of the suppliers, distributors, and stores.

1    6.    The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1    7.    A system for a secure supply chain management framework, comprising:

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| 2 | a) | logic for registering a plurality of users including suppliers, distributors, and |
| 3 | | stores of a supply chain utilizing a network; |
| 4 | b) | logic for maintaining the registered users on a list; |
| 5 | c) | logic for collecting data from a plurality of stores of the supply chain utilizing the |
| 6 | | network; |
| 7 | d) | logic for updating the list to add, edit, and delete the users utilizing the network; |
| 8 | e) | logic for receiving a request for access to the data utilizing the network, the |
| 9 | | request including an identifier; |
| 10 | f) | logic for comparing the identifier against the list; and |
| 11 | g) | logic for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data |
| 12 | | upon the successful comparison of the identifier against the list. |

1    8.    The system of claim 7, wherein the identifier includes a password.

1    9.    The system of claim 7, wherein the data is encrypted.

1    10.    The system of claim 7, wherein the list is updated upon receipt of a notice from at
2            least one of the stores.

1    11.    The system of claim 7, wherein only certain data is displayed based on the user
2            being one of the suppliers, distributors, and stores.

1    12.    The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1    13.    A computer program product for a secure supply chain management framework,
2            comprising:
3    a)    computer code for registering a plurality of users including suppliers, distributors,
4            and stores of a supply chain utilizing a network;
5    b)    computer code for maintaining the registered users on a list;
6    c)    computer code for collecting data from a plurality of stores of the supply chain
7            utilizing the network;

8   d)   computer code for updating the list to add, edit, and delete the users utilizing the

9        network;

10  e)   computer code for receiving a request for access to the data utilizing the network,

11       the request including an identifier;

12  f)   computer code for comparing the identifier against the list; and

13  g)   computer code for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the

14       data upon the successful comparison of the identifier against the list.


1   14.  The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the identifier includes a

2        password.


1   15.  The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is encrypted.


1   16.  The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the list is updated upon

2        receipt of a notice from at least one of the stores.


1   17.  The computer program product of claim 13, wherein only certain data is displayed

2        based on the user being one of the suppliers, distributors, and stores.


1   18.  The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the

2        Internet.